1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Uttar Pradesh	55.00	54.37	52.72	15.50	14.89*	13.20	3.00	1.27	1.14
Uttaranchal	2.30	2.42	2.31	0.32	0.23	0.23	0.18	0.05	0.05
Jammu and Kashmir	1.40	1.19	1.15	0.84	0.33	0.33	0.28	0.07	0.07
Bihar	20.00	19.40	18.56	4.25	3.30	3.07	2.05	1.19	1.07
Jharkhand	2.10	1.67	1.58	0.90	0.75	0.74	0.13	0.08	0.08
Orissa	5.50	5.19	4.58	1.25	1.79	1.72	1.20	1.05	1.01
West Bengal	12.95	12.45	11.56	4.55	3.80	3.78	4.00	2.76	2.73
Assam	2.30	1.99	1.93	0.70	0.08	0.85	0.85	0.40	0.40
All India	271.70	274.26	261.71	89.21	83.40	75.55	36.13	29.28	28.28

*Includes, the stock available with State Federations MP-0.35 LMT, Rajasthan-0.77 LMT, Haryana-1.15 LMT, Punjab-1.96 LMT and Uttar Pradesh-1.21 LMT aggregating 5.44 LMT (Sales of which is not available).

Shortage of fertilizers in the Southern States

43. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether even as food prices continue to soar driving up inflation, there is more bad news on the farm front this time from the South;

(b) if so, whether Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are expected to face a total fertilizer shortage of 20.12 lakh tonnes;

(c) whether Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have been facing a huge agrarian economy;

(d) if so, what are the main reasons for the shortage of fertilizers in these States;

(e) what are the concrete measures Government has taken; and

(f) to what extent Union Government has agreed to meet fertilizer shortage in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (f) Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial movement and distribution control of the Government. Union Government ensures availability of urea at State level. State Governments are responsible for its distribution within the State. All other fertilizers *viz.* DAP, MOP, SSP and NPK etc. are decontrolled/de-canalized since 1992. The availability of Phosphatic and Potassic fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply.

Department of Fertilizers monitors availability of fertilizers namely, Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK through Fertilizer Monitoring System (FMS), in the States.

The table below gives the details of demand and supply of urea, DAP and MOP the State of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during Kharif' 2008 season:

('000 MT)

State	Particulars	Urea	DAP	MOP	NPK
Tamil Nadu	Demand/ Assessed requirement	435.00	210.00	200.00	175.00
	Supply (Availability)	453.37	191.52	272.73	129.00
	Sales	449.40	191.46	268.66	128.17
Andhra Pradesh	Demand/ Assessed requirement	1350.00	425.00	250.00	1150.00
	Supply (Availability)	1420.41	535.27	316.66	894.01
	Sales	1363.94	534.59	314.28	883.02
Karnataka	Demand/ Assessed requirement	800.00	380.00	230.00	567.00
	Supply (Availability)	747.00	430.01	305.64	456.68
	Sales	738.64	429.27	291.31	452.44

As can be seen, there is no shortage of Urea, DAP and MOP. The availability has been adequate enough to sustain the sales/requirement.

Revival of FACT

44. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for the development of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd., Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) has been facing a financial crisis due to a variety of reasons. A study by a reputed consultant was commissioned to suggest measures for enhancing operational efficiency including cost cutting measures. The recommendations of the consultant are under examination by the Board of Directors of the company.

Brown field project

45. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state: